

ABSTRACT

An apparatus is disclosed for attaching a needle housing or tube to the frame of a tattoo machine which facilitates cleaning and sterilization.. The apparatus, or tube vice, comprises a tube which houses a needle which moves in and out of the subject's skin during tattooing, a hollow cylinder, a split ring ferrule and a compression nut. The tube is inserted into the hollow cylinder and the ferrule slides over the tube. The ferrule, nut and the hollow cylinder have beveled edges which mate. The nut slides over the tube to screw onto the hollow cylinder thereby compressing the ferrule against the tube without bending or crimping the tube. A tube grip may be attached to the tube. A method of manufacturing the tube vice is also disclosed. The tube vice can be provided in kit format.